

10.(Amended) The regulator of claim 9, wherein said cylindrical pockets are in a spring support.

Remarks

The Office Action of March 27, 2002 makes a §112 rejection of claims 4, 5 and 8-10 with respect to antecedent bases for two phrases. Claims 4 and 10 have been amended to replace "spring retaining pockets" with "cylindrical pockets." An antecedent bases is thereby provided. Claim 8 is amended by addition of the word "is" making it clear that the phrase in question is not meant to have an antecedent basis but is a newly introduced limitation.

It is believed that these amendments addressed the points raised in the Office Action and that the application is now in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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4. (Amended) The regulator of claim 3, wherein said [spring retaining] cylindrical pockets are in a spring support.

8.(Amended) The regulator of claim 7, wherein said orifice is formed by the center of said piston and said gas inlet.

10.(Amended) The regulator of claim 9, wherein said [spring retaining] cylindrical pockets are in a spring support.

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